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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 61-285578 (HITACHI, LTD.), published December 16, 1986;
- (2) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. (A) 2-284189, (CANON INC), published November 21, 1990;
- (3) Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. (A) 55-123270, (RICOH CO LTD), published September 22, 1980; and

Applicants wish to bring the following document to the attention of the Examiner:

- (4) Suzuki et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,216,724, issued June 1, 1993.

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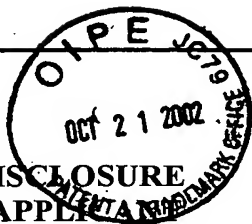
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